



# How does free help me? Useful things like GPS Software

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Once upon a time the only way to find an address was to look at a paper map. Remember your first day at UCF? How hard it was to find the right building? Did you get lost? That used to be true going pretty much any place new.

Now with [GPS](#), you can have someone tell you how to get somewhere step by step. You can even select a British or Australian narrator. Like many conveniences in our lives, this is a [result of the US Government making it continuously and freely available](#) to all users worldwide.

*We hope over the course of the week you have learned a little bit about how making things freely available can spark innovation and new ideas. To see more milestones in open access, check out [the timeline](#) from the Open Access Directory.*

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